

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Lower Appomattox River Basin and its tributaries. The lower Appomattox River TMDL includes those counties that drain to the Appomattox from Amelia County to the City of Hopewell (i.e. Amelia, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Powhatan, and Prince George Counties). The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for bacteria, benthics, dissolved oxygen and/or pH. The bacteria impairments addressed in the lower Appomattox Basin include a 2.68 square mile, a 7.44 mile and part of an 80.60 mile segment on the Appomattox River; 5.28 miles on Nibbs Creek; 3.99 miles on Flat Creek; 11.19 miles on Deep Creek; 7.22 miles on West Creek; and 1.61, 7.09, and 2.18 mile segments on Swift Creek. The dissolved oxygen and/or pH impairments include 16.54 miles on Deep Creek; 7 miles on Skinquarter Creek; 1.61 and 7.09 mile segments on Swift Creek; Swift Creek Reservoir; 20.36 miles on Winterpock Creek; and 3.97 miles on Winticomack Creek. The benthic impairment addresses 2.13 miles on an Un-named tributary to Deep Creek.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The second public meeting on the development of the Lower Appomattox Basin TMDLs will be held on **Thursday, November 6, 2003, 7:00 p.m.** at 10031 Iron Bridge Road in the Town of Chesterfield Police Department's Public Meeting Room. The building is located on the corner of Rt. 10 (Iron Bridge Rd.) and Lori Rd. (which is across from Rt. 655, Beach Rd.) in Chesterfield, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on December 6, 2003. Information pertaining to TMDL development is available upon request or can be found on the DEQ's web site at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Mark Alling, Department of Environmental Quality, 4949-A Cox Rd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, telephone (804) 527-5021, fax (804) 527-5106, or e-mail msalling@deq.state.va.us.